

**ABSTRACT**

A method for intelligent extraction of key-frames from a video that yields key-frames that 5 depict meaningful content in the video. A method according to the present techniques includes selecting a set of candidate key-frames from among a series of video frames in a video by performing a set of analyses on each video frame. Each analysis is 10 selected to detect a corresponding type of meaningful content in the video. The candidate key-frames are then arranged into a set of clusters and a key-frame is then selected from each cluster in response to its relative importance in terms of depicting meaningful 15 content in the video.